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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: NFIB Meeting on NIE 11-1-83: Soviet Space Programs

1. Action Requested: That you review and utilize, as appropriate, the attached material pertaining to NFIB consideration of NIE 11-1-83.
2. Background: Attached for your use at the 19 July NFIB meeting are:
 - Proposed DCI Talking Points;
 - NIO/SP Notes for Presentation of the Estimate.
3. Discussion:
 - a. The Estimate has been reviewed by Hans Mark (NASA), Jay Keyworth (President's Science Advisor) and other policymakers who expressed early interest in the subject. All seem satisfied with the content and balance of the Estimate.
 - b. All major interagency differences are reflected in the text. The main differences are concerned with electronic warfare, particle beam weapons, and antisubmarine warfare. These latter two differences also were reflected in NIE 11-3/8. No further dissents are expected.
 - c. As outlined in the proposed DCI Talking Points, we propose that:
 - You open the discussion using the attached talking points.
 - NIO/SP present the NIE and review issues.

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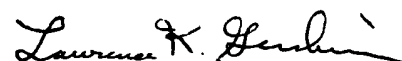
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- Volume I, Summary and Key Judgments, be published at Secret level, to permit wider dissemination.

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Attachments:

- 1 - DCI Talking Points
- 1 - NIO/SP Notes

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DCI Talking Points

NIE 11-1-83, Soviet Space Programs

NFIB Meeting, 19 July 1983

1. Preparations

- Consultants used during the early stages of this Estimate proved most helpful.
 - They provided a useful historical perspective on the evolution of the US and Soviet space systems.
 - They asked good questions which helped make the Estimate more policy relevant.

2. Estimate

- Estimate differs from 1980 version.
 - Broader scope, including economic and political consequences.
 - Provides longer term view; through the 1990s.
- Estimate has important policy implications for US:
 - Manned space programs.
 - Space-related weapons programs.
- Estimate has balanced treatment of Soviet space activities:
 - Inventory of activities is impressive and cost is high, but much of the effort is still catching up to the US.

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3. Publication

- Recommend Volume I be published at the Secret level.

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